

outside delegates, who were mostly officials of the union, resolutions were passed to divide local 25 into several parts. The purpose behind this is to segregate the radicals into a smaller body and thus keep them away from the large mass of members.

#### Local Split Up By Executive Board.

The whole thing came to a climax about four weeks ago when, one bright morning, the G. E. B. of the I. L. G. W. decided that the shop delegate system is unconstitutional, undemocratic, null and void, etc. A receiver, sent by the G. E. B., came into the office, the local was split up and a joint board, framed to function safely for the officials, was instituted with full power. The shop delegate body was told that only their suggestion are welcome.

Now again remember that the G. E. B., the editors of the union organ, "Justice", and all the rest of the official crew are members of the Socialist Party.

But you may ask, "How could one lone man come into an office with the title of receiver and virtually tell an intelligent membership to go to hell!" Well, there is an economic crisis coming on and the clothing industry is the first to suffer. And the officials have the treasury of the union, nickels and pennies of the workers, accumulated for years and years, until it amounts to nearly \$2,000,000.

Besides, the rank and file out of town have yet to be thoroughly convinced to favor the shop delegate system of control and administration.

#### A Big Fight Coming.

So, you see, we are merely getting ready for the fight. When we get the support of the rank and file throughout the country, then we will proceed to establish democracy in the union for, by, and of the workers. Meanwhile we have got to submit to the despotism of the fake "socialist" officials.

In the next article I will make a more detailed comparison of the workings of the present union system of control and that of the shop delegate system. If we will all take up the fight for rank and file Control in the unions we can soon get the workers united into one solid body. And when the workers of the world get really united they will be able to get real democracy and real freedom.

## Quick Comment

The fact that hundreds of workers are in prison for their loyalty to the labor causes should bring together labor organization in the land for united defense.

Some of the prisons of America rival the bastiles of Europe during the last century, and as large a per cent of the prisoners are going insane from inhuman treatment.

The mining companies in West Virginia are importing men who are ignorant of the concerted effort to break up the unions. Once arrived at the mines, these men are guarded like convicts, by Baldwin-Feltz gunman, and have no alternative but to become strikebreakers. A boy in the teens, from the Kentucky side of the river, succeeded in liberating seventeen men from the bunk house, one night. He conducted them to the river by a trail unknown to the gunman, and therefore unguarded. A boat was in waiting, by which they reached the Kentucky side, and their fare was paid back to their homes.

The principal thing needed by the workers, in their effort to establish an industrial democracy, is enough daily and twice-a-week newspapers to counteract the poison put out by the capitalist press.

The action of the New York legislature in again expelling the five Socialists who had been elected over collusion candidates, gives one more valuable object lesson to the people as to just what kind of government we have in this country.

Capitalism has its spies, its police, its hired labor leaders, its thugs and militia, and the intricate working of a powerful government. Labor has one tactic that can defeat them all, — the One Big Union.

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Troops of Blacks and Tans, British troops carrying on the reign of terror in Ireland, in an armored car raided a shop in Talbot street, Dublin. Jeered by the crowd which soon gathered, the troops fired, killing two and wounding six. One of the dead is a boy of sixteen.